

REMARKS

The undersigned thanks examiner Patel for a telephonic conversation on March 3, 2010. Examiner Patel was advised of an inadvertent error in amending allowable claims and the possibility of redrafting dependent Claims 5, 11, and 14 in independent form. Examiner Patel stated that he would accept an Amendment After Allowance under 37 CFR § 1.312 to remove the dependency of these claims on Claim 4, if the claims are drafted to include the limitations recited in prior Claim 1 and thus correspond to the claims initially indicated to be allowable.

Claims 4-7, 11, and 14 were indicated to include allowable subject matter in the Office Action mailed on March 18, 2009. These claims were said to be allowable if redrafted in independent form to include all limitations of prior Claim 1. In the Amendment filed on July 20, 2009, Applicant amended and redrafted Claim 4 in independent form. However, Claims 5, 11, and 14 were amended to depend from Claim 4, rather than only including limitations of prior Claim 1. Subsequently, in a Notice of Allowability mailed on December 7, 2009, Claims 2-15 were allowed.

Accordingly, Applicant is now amending and rewriting Claims 5, 11, and 14 in independent form to include the subject matter of prior Claim 1. Claims 2-3, 8-10, and 15 are being amended to depend from independent Claim 14. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments under 37 CFR § 1.312.

Applicants' Attorney again thanks Examiner Patel for his time and assistance.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. Authorization is hereby granted to charge any additional fees which may be due in this matter to Deposit Account No. 08-0380.

Respectfully submitted,

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